



# Alderbury & West Grimstead

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## Newsletter no 11

### 29 November 2024

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

We had a fabulous Non-uniform day today, the children really enjoyed being able to wear their own clothes. A big thank you to parents for bringing so many goodies for FAWGS Christmas Hamper draw, we look forward to announcing the winners during the last week of term. Please see below further details of how you can purchase tickets.

#### KS1 NATIVITY

We are all getting very excited about our upcoming KS1 Nativity 'Born in a Barn'. Parents in Years R, 1 and 2 should have received information regarding tickets for the performances, if you haven't received an email regarding this, or are having difficulty ordering tickets from the new on-line system, please let Mrs Mundy know.

#### BUTSER FARM – YEAR 3

The children had a lovely time, during our recent visit to Butser Farm. The sun was shining and we took part in an archaeological dig and also looked at a wide range of artifacts, from the Neolithic to the Roman period. The children got 'hands on' with a wattle fence, and enjoyed a tour of a Roman villa. The artefacts we saw have given us inspiration for the museum we are creating at the end of term

A big thank you to Mrs Clancy, Mrs Rooney and Mrs Bridge for accompanying the children.

#### NETBALL COMPETITION – SARUM ACADEMY



On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Bowley took the Years 5 and 6 netball team to Sarum Academy to take part in a Netball tournament. The format was a round robin tournament, with every team playing each other! We had 9 teams in our group; the weather was cold to say the least.....brrrr!

The team started very well with a 2-0 win and carried that form until the 4<sup>th</sup> game where we lost 1 and drew 2. Our overall record was 5 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. We ended up in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 20 schools overall, which was a great result!

It was a great day out and everybody gave their best!

## THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

All children in Years R to 3 are welcome to come and join us in the library for a story during Tuesday breaktime; if they would like a drink and a biscuit whilst they are listening please bring 20p to cover the costs. All children in these age groups are welcome, we do hope they will come along and join in.

## SONG FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

We will once again be taking part in this year's Song for Christmas. Salisbury Radio will be attending the school to record the song with the whole school. Our song will be played on Salisbury Radio on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Songs that are broadcast on a weekday will be played by Craig Hicks at 8:20 and by Andy Munns at 4:40. Songs will be available to download from their website for £1, with the money going to Salisbury Foodbank – I hope you will all listen out for your child/ren

## FLU IMMUNISATION

A reminder that the immunisation team will be visiting school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December to deliver nasal flu vaccinations. If you haven't yet done so, please go to this link: [www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu) to give consent (yes or no). If you have mislaid the original email, please let Mrs Mundy know.

## STAMPS FOR THE RNLI



Please remember to save any stamps you receive on your Christmas cards this year and pop them in the RNLI box we have in the reception area here at school. Thank you.



## CHRISTINGLE

As is customary on the last day of term, we will be making our Christingles. In the afternoon we will be walking the children to St Mary's Church for our usual Carol Service. We have had some kind offers of help to walk with the children to and from the church, but would welcome more. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Mundy know.

## FAWGS

Thank you so much for all of the generous donations to our Christmas Raffle this morning. We will have lots of wonderful prizes to win, but to be in with a chance of winning you need to buy some raffle tickets! These are on sale at drop off and pickup and we are accepting debit card payments. Please ask all of your friends and relatives to buy some tickets too!

A reminder for our Christmas Present Fair. We will be collecting gifts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December for our fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The poster is attached with more information and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the FAWGS committee (Suzy Ellis, Charlie Metcalfe, Louise Davy and Teresa Curbishley).

### Dates for your diary:

9<sup>th</sup> December Gift Donation for Christmas Present Fair

13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Present Fair

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Cookie Sale

## WANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/TOPS

As part of our drive towards sustainability and inclusion we are planning to hold an informal Christmas Jumper/Christmas Top Swap towards the end of term- More details to follow.

Some of you may have unused or unwanted Christmas Jumpers/Tops lurking at home and I would be grateful if you were able to donate them to school. They would need to be in good condition and suitable to be in school. Please can you send into the office any Christmas tops/jumpers that you would like to donate from Monday.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### POP-UP CHRISTMAS BARN AT KENNEL FARM

Don't forget to visit and support Emma and Becca's small business at The Barn at Kennel Farm. All your Christmas shopping: decorations, gifts, workshops and more, under one roof! Opening times are: Monday 11:00 am-12:00 pm; and 6.00pm – 8.00pm Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 and 6.00-8:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Saturday 10:00-12 noon.



### SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST



Stamps are on sale again in school this year from the office, or contact Julie for more information on 07952 988749.



'You miss 100% of the shots you don't take'

## DIARY DATES – NEW DATES UNDERLINED

### December

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Present Fair and Christmas Jumper Swap (More details to follow)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EYSF & KS1 Nativity
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and Christmas Cookie Sale</u>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle, Carol Service & Final Day of Term

### January 2025

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School

### February

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
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### June

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
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Best wishes

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